



# Kite Flying

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## About the activity

At our centres by the sea, your pupils can take advantage of the coastal breezes and learn the skills involved in flying a kite! They will experience an exhilarating sense of success as their kite soars into the sky; once it's up there they need to develop the technique to control it and keep it from crashing!

## Activity aims

### The aim of this activity is to:

- Introduce the basics of Kite Flying and the wind window.
- Work in small teams to increase success of launching a kite.
- Allow each participant to experience launching, maintaining flight and manoeuvring a kite.
- Ensure participants work together to increase success as well as supporting and encouraging each other.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss what they have accomplished.

## Progression opportunities

### Some participants may also:

- Understand the wind window.
- Learn dynamic manoeuvring - stunts and kite tricks.
- Understand basic principles of flight including lift and aero.
- Be able to assess risks and understand how these may be controlled.

### In addition, participants should also have developed in the following:

- Interpersonal communication
- Teamwork
- Personal kite flying skills

## Learning outcomes

### Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on instructions received.
- Understood the basic principles of kite flying.
- An understanding of the associated hazards, which could lead to risk.
- Experienced flying a kite.
- Effectively worked in small teams supporting their peers throughout the activity and recognising their achievements.
- Contributed to a post activity review led by the instructor identifying what they did well and then suggested ways to improve.

## Associated vocabulary

**Words relevant to safety** e.g. rules, risk assessment, safety area.

**Words relevant to equipment** e.g. kites, strings, spool.

**Words relevant to the activity** e.g. wind, airflow, aerofoil, lift, tether.

**Words relevant to teamwork** e.g. achievement, communication, encouragement, listening, participation, review, support, trust, success.